

January 23, 2015

# PERKINS NEWS

## Upcoming Worship

8:00 AM

Perkins Chapel Services  
(unless otherwise noted)

### Tuesday, Jan. 27

Morning Prayer  
with Eucharist

Led by Dr. Stephen Rankin  
University Chaplain  
Eucharist

### Wednesday, Jan. 28

Morning Prayer led by  
Ben Anderson Hensley

### Thursday, Jan. 29

Morning Prayer led by  
Order of St. Luke

### Friday, Jan. 30

Morning Prayer  
with Eucharist

Led by Dr. Barry Hughes

11:30 AM

Perkins Chapel Services  
(unless otherwise noted)

### Wednesday, Jan. 28

Service of Word and Table  
Rachel Rigdon, Student  
Preacher  
Dr. Anderson, musician

### Thursday, Jan. 29

Love Feast

Led by John Stephenson  
Perkins Praise Band,  
Musicians

***Held in the Great Hall***

Send us pictures and quotes  
from your OIG  
function, class, study group, or  
fun with friends. Email them to  
[perkinsnews@smu.edu](mailto:perkinsnews@smu.edu).

Dallas

Houston-Galveston

## Scholarship Corner

*This section will highlight different scholarships that could be of interest to the Perkins Community. Scholarships featured here will often have rapidly approaching deadlines, so look into these opportunities right away. A wide variety of opportunities for financial assistance can always be found in the [Outside Scholarship Section of the Perkins Website](#).*

### General Board of Higher Education & Ministry Scholarships

The General Board of Higher Education & Ministry of the United Methodist Church (GBHEM) offers a variety of awards each year. Those interested are asked to submit one online application to serve as the official application for any of the listed awards for which the individual qualifies. You do not need to submit a separate application for each award.

As a reminder, our Fall 2015 Scholarship Application is now open. The application can be found at [www.gbhem.org/scholarshipapplication](http://www.gbhem.org/scholarshipapplication).

Specific awards have different selection criteria. However, the following eligibility criteria are valid for every program:

- Applicants must be active, full members of The United Methodist Church for at least one year. Membership is determined by the date the applicants was confirmed and took membership vows with a United Methodist church. (Members of other Methodist denominations are not eligible.)
- Applicants must be pursuing a degree program at any accredited institution within the United States.
- Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Applicants are required to be full-time students according to their school's standards for the program for which they are enrolled.

There is an online application deadline of **March 5**.

Also please remember the United Methodist Student Loan for the Spring/Summer term opened December 11, 2014. United Methodist students who need a lower interest option can apply at [www.gbhem.org/loanapplication](http://www.gbhem.org/loanapplication). Students may borrow up to \$5,000 in a calendar year at 4% interest for a deferred loan or 3.75% with payments while in school.

If you have questions regarding these or any other outside scholarship opportunities, contact Lynda Casey in the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid (Kirby 216) at [lmcasey@smu.edu](mailto:lmcasey@smu.edu) or 214-768-3411.

*"Ohh back to school, back to school. To prove to dad that I'm not a fool. Thanks Adam Sandler. Yay first day of my last academic semester of grad school. "*

Hannah Escalante, 2nd Year  
M.A.M. Candidate

## PSA Meetings

January 28, 2015

February 25, 2015

March 25, 2015

April 22, 2015

**PSA meetings are at  
12:30 PM in Prothro  
Hall, Room 106.**

For more information,  
contact Lael Melville at  
[lmelville@smu.edu](mailto:lmelville@smu.edu).



Ailey Pope, M.T.S. Candidate,  
shares her seminary experience  
on the student panel during  
Orientation.

*"I would like to file a formal  
complaint. I'm not a fan of  
this 45 and rainy weather  
while I'm trying to get up  
for day 1 of classes. If I  
could hit snooze 'til 12  
maybe, but come on folks."*

Jordan Perkey, 3rd Year  
M.Div. Candidate

*"Officially signed up for the  
South Africa Immersion this  
summer. I can't wait!"*

Sadie Brink, 2nd Year  
M.Div. Candidate

## Don't Forget to Submit your 2015-2016 FAFSA!

Are you interested in applying for  
the need-based Perkins Tuition  
Grant, the P.A.C.E. (Perkins Annual  
Conference Endowment) Grants, or  
federal loans for the 2015-2016 academic year?



**START HERE  
GO FURTHER**  
FEDERAL STUDENT AID

In order to be considered for any need-based aid, you must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) every year. You can submit your information at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Enter the Title IV school code for SMU: 003613.

Need-based grants will be given out on a "first come, first serve" basis, so apply as soon as possible. It is not necessary to wait until your 2014 income tax return has been filed as the FAFSA will help you estimate your taxes. Grants will be awarded as funds remain available. Fill out your FAFSA for 2015-2016 today!

## L@s Seminarist@s Spring Term Welcome

Friday, January 23, 2015  
4:00 PM—6:00 PM  
Ozona Grill & Bar  
4615 Greenville Avenue

Join L@s Sems to celebrate our return to Perkins for Spring 2015. L@s Sems will provide the appetizers. Please plan to take care of your own beverages, wit, and a great spirit. We hope you plan to attend!

For more information, contact Eric Markinson at [emarkinson@smu.edu](mailto:emarkinson@smu.edu).

## (C.H.A.P.) Community Hour at Perkins Streamlined M.Div. Program

Tuesday, January 27, 2015  
11:30 AM—12:20 PM  
Prothro Hall, Room 100

Come hear about changes in M.Div., M.A.M., and M.T.S. Degree programs. The M.Div. degree has been streamlined from 85 to 73 hours of academic credit. Students who entered Spring 2014 or earlier will remain under the required 85 term hours of academic credit but have more choices for their electives. M.T.S. and M.A.M. students who entered Spring 2014 or earlier will not experience any changes. Master of Divinity students who entered Summer/Fall 2014 are under the new 73 hours M.Div. Program with several course and prerequisite changes. Students in the MAM and MTS programs who entered summer/Fall 2014 will also experience course and prerequisite changes.

Come with questions and we will provide the answers.

For more information, contact Dean Parker at [eparker@smu.edu](mailto:eparker@smu.edu).

*"School is my life! Today I'm starting my last semester of commuting to SMU for  
seminary. Last night I got word about my 25th high school reunion.  
Cheers for both!"*

Jen Kellogg, 3rd Year  
M.Div. Candidate

## Community Lunch Menu

### **Tuesday, Jan. 27**

Thai Coconut Curried Chicken  
Stir Fried Veggies and Noodles  
Asian Slaw

### **Wednesday, Jan. 28**

Chicken & Sausage Gumbo  
Rice and Creole Veggies  
Salad

### **Thursday, Jan. 29**

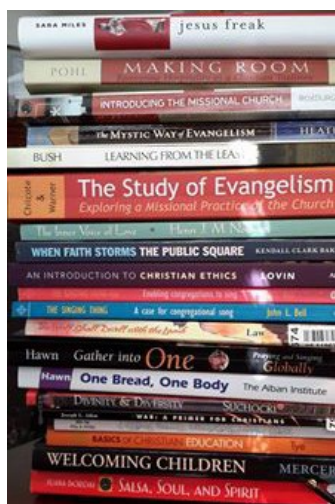
Smoked Molasses Chicken  
Mac & Cheese  
Broccoli and Salad

### **Friday, Jan. 30**

Ham, Egg and Cheese Casserole  
Hash Browned Potatoes  
Baked Blueberry French Toast  
Fresh Fruit

All meals are \$5 and begin at  
12:15 PM

Menu is subject to change.  
Questions?  
Contact Elizabeth Ferguson  
([eferguson@smu.edu](mailto:eferguson@smu.edu))



*"Writing...Writing...Reading...  
Reading...You have to love the  
seminary journey!"*

Mark Beggs, 2nd Year  
M.T.S. Candidate

## National Consultation on Hispanic/Latino Ministries

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

1:00 PM

Prothro Hall, Room 222

There will be an Info Session about a spring break trip to the National Consultation on Hispanic/Latino Ministries. The trip is sponsored by L@s Sems and will be during spring break, March 11-14, at Duke Divinity School in Durham, NC. There is scholarship money available for seminary students.

For more information contact Dr. Philip Wingeier-Rayo in the Mexican American & Hispanic-Latino/a Church Ministries Program at [philipwr@smu.edu](mailto:philipwr@smu.edu) or 214- 768-2768.

## Hope, Equality, Love, Perkins

Thursday, January 29, 2015

7:00 PM— 9:00 PM

Prothro Hall, Great Hall

PSA would like to invite you to a back to school movie night! Snacks and drinks will be provided! "The Help" will be shown and a discussion about alleviating racial tension will follow.

For more information please contact Corrie Hermans [Chermans@smu.edu](mailto:Chermans@smu.edu).



## 2015 Perkins in Print

The Perkins in Print display area in Bridwell Library is dedicated to highlighting the recent publications of the Perkins School of Theology's faculty, staff, and students. The display shelves are located on the first floor of the library immediately opposite the Circulation Desk. Each year we exhibit roughly one- to two-dozen recent works by authors from among the Perkins community.

### Call for submissions:

The upcoming Perkins in Print display will run from February through December 2015. Perkins faculty, staff, and students should consider submitting any works published in 2014 for inclusion; they will be returned to you at the exhibit's conclusion. Submissions can include books; articles from journals, newsletters or newspapers; essays; poems; encyclopedia entries; or musical works.

There are many writers in the Perkins community whose talents should be acknowledged. If you would like your published works to be included in the exhibit please get them to Jane Elder in the Reference Office by **January 30th, 2015**.

For more information, contact Jane Elder at [jelder@smu.edu](mailto:jelder@smu.edu).

## Community Life Fee

This \$30.00 (per year) fee covers: The Perkins Look Book, helps fund the Fall Banquet, Spring Banquet, graduation events, special functions, low cost food service (snacks, lunches, dinners), free coffee, tea, lemonade, ice, and exam week fun.

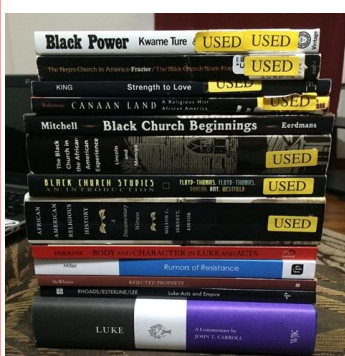
Please pay by stopping by the Office of Community Life in 216 Kirby.

Please make checks payable to: Perkins School of Theology.

If the fee presents an unusual hardship for you, contact Tracy Anne Allred at 214-768-1480 or [talred@smu.edu](mailto:talred@smu.edu)

OR

Rachel Rigdon at 214-768-3371 or [rdannen@smu.edu](mailto:rdannen@smu.edu).



*“Ready for this last semester. Last two classes! Leggo!”*

*#seminarian #scholarship  
#blackchurchstudies  
#LukanScholar #MDiv  
#readingisfundamental”*

Marcus Jones, 3rd Year  
M.Div. Candidate

## Ministers Week for Students February 2-4

Speakers on topics ranging from spiritual formation to hip hop culture will be part of *New Wine: New Wineskins: Fresh Models for Ministry – The Ministers Week Lectures* February 2 -4 at Perkins.

Perkins students may register for the event’s lecture sessions free of charge by entering the code “EXE” on the online registration form and may sign up for meals at the regular price, including the Distinguished Alumnus Award on Monday evening.

For more information or to register visit [www.smu.edu/perkins/mw](http://www.smu.edu/perkins/mw) or contact Pam Goolsby at [pgoolsby@smu.edu](mailto:pgoolsby@smu.edu) or 214-768-2251.

## Bridwell Lunch Talk How to Read & Write in Seminary: Thoughts on Tackling Your Work Load

Thursday, February 5, 2015  
12:30 PM—1:15 PM  
Bridwell Library Benefactors Room

Building on the strategies for effective reading and writing introduced last fall, reference librarians Jane Elder and David Schmersal will offer participants additional techniques for managing reading and writing assignments effectively.

To RSVP, please e-mail [bemorgan@smu.edu](mailto:bemorgan@smu.edu) or call 214-768-3483. Seating is limited to 25, so please RSVP at least three days in advance. Sessions with five or fewer RSVPs will be cancelled.

Bridwell provides lunch. Please let us know ahead of time if you have dietary or

*“I am armed with my textbooks, laptop, new spiral (thanks Go Fish Children’s Ministry!), water bottle, snacks, and lots of Starbucks gift cards. Headed up to Dallas today to start #spring2015 tomorrow. Let’s do round two.”*

Rebecca Hyde, 1st Year  
M.Div. Candidate

## Claim Lost & Found Items



Help us find homes for our lost & found items located in 216 Kirby Hall. Some of the items include: a windbreaker, various reading glasses & sunglasses, a lanyard, cell phone charger, ear buds, glasses case, and a Motorola Verizon phone. Stop by Kirby 216 to claim.

For more information, contact Rachel Rigdon at [rdannen@smu.edu](mailto:rdannen@smu.edu) or 214-769-3371.



*“My wife, Ami, and I competed in the annual SMU Strongman and Strongwoman Competition last year (yes, I know, we have a strange hobby). Ami came in first place for the woman, and I came in first place for the men.....an unusually feat for the theology school ;-). We’ll be defending our titles this semester on Feb. 12, at 6pm in the Dedman Center weight room. We’d love to have some friends from Perkins there to cheer us on. Adrenaline helps!*

*Here’s last year’s article from the Daily Campus: <http://www.smudailycampus.com/news/strongman-competition-gets-fit>.”*

Andrew Elrod, 2nd Year  
M.T.S. Candidate



## Seminary Singers

Every Friday  
11:30 AM—12:30 PM  
Perkins Chapel

As an astute Biblical scholar, you probably already know what the Psalms say about music...

“Sing to the Lord a new song!” (Psalm 96:1)  
“O come, let us sing to the Lord.” (Psalm 95:1)  
“It is good to sing praises to our God.” (Psalm 147:1)  
“Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp! Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe! Praise God with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!” (Psalm 150:3-6)

Well, don’t worry... the MSM’s can take care of most everything in that last passage, all you have to do is show up on Fridays and sing some new songs to the Lord! Rehearsals begin January 23 and are open to all. We meet every Friday in the Chapel promptly at 11:30am for back rubs- hope to see you there!

Contact: Director, Dr. Hawn, [mhawn@smu.edu](mailto:mhawn@smu.edu) for more information.

## Lockers Available

Are you tired of carrying around textbooks in your purse or backpack? Are your shoulders tense and your back sore? Come reserve a locker in Kirby 216 to solve the aches and pains!

Lockers are available, free of charge, for Perkins students. All you have to do is supply your own lock! Just stop by during our regular office hours (8:30 AM—5:00 PM) to claim your locker and sign a consent form.

For more information, contact Rachel Rigdon at [rdannen@smu.edu](mailto:rdannen@smu.edu).

## 2015 Summer Immersion Applicants

Please note a change to the GTE application form acceptance schedule! Student applications for immersions to South Africa, Cuba and China immersions scheduled to take place in May of 2015, will be accepted beginning at **8:30am on January 22, 2015**. Please bring you completed applications to the Global Theological Education office, Seleckman 303D. We cannot be present on January 21 as previously indicated. Sorry for any inconvenience!

For more information, contact Mary Roberts at [robertsm@smu.edu](mailto:robertsm@smu.edu).

## May 2015 Graduation Information

On December 23 an email notification was sent to Perkins students eligible to apply for May 2015 graduation. If you believe you are eligible for May 2015 graduation and did not receive an email communication, please contact Joe Monroy in the Registrar Office at [jmonroy@smu.edu](mailto:jmonroy@smu.edu) to confirm your eligibility for May graduation.

The University deadline to submit your application to graduate is **Friday, January 23**. Additionally, students who are expected to graduate in August should contact Joe Monroy to discuss participating in the graduation ceremony on May 16.

For more information, contact Joe Monroy at [jmonroy@smu.edu](mailto:jmonroy@smu.edu).



# SURVIVING SEMINARY



## HELP when you need it!

Let's face it, we all need some help sometime. The trick is to figure out the right question and the right person to ask. Here is a brief list of some good places to start:

### Degree Planning / Course Selection / Registration:

- Associate Dean Evelyn Parker: 214-768-2349
- The Perkins Academic Services web page: <http://www.smu.edu/Perkins/FacultyAcademics/AcademicServices>
- The Perkins Registrar, Joe Monroy: 214-768-2152 / [jmonroy@smu.edu](mailto:jmonroy@smu.edu)
- Perkins Financial Aid, Lynda Casey: 214-768-3411 / [lmcasey@smu.edu](mailto:lmcasey@smu.edu)

### Research and Writing:

- The Writing Tutor, Benjamin Robinson: 213 Selecman / [bgrobinson@smu.edu](mailto:bgrobinson@smu.edu)
- Bridwell's Reference Librarians: 214-768-4046 / [bridref@smu.edu](mailto:bridref@smu.edu)

### SMU Systems, Software and Networks:

- Perkins Instructional Technology: 208 Prothro / [perkit@smu.edu](mailto:perkit@smu.edu)
- The SMU Information Technology Help Desk: <http://www.smu.edu/BusinessFinance/OIT/Services/StudentServices/help@smu.edu> / 214-768-HELP (4357) / [help@smu.edu](mailto:help@smu.edu)

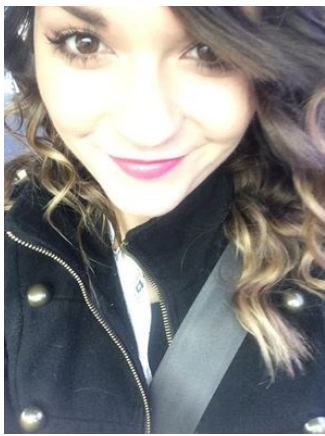
### Counseling:

- Perkins Student Services: 216 Kirby, 214-768-1480
- SMU Counseling & Psychiatric Services (CAPS): <http://www.smu.edu/StudentAffairs/HealthCenter/Counseling/> / 214-768-4795

Bottom line, everyone who works at Perkins wants you to have a positive and productive experience. Ask us for help. If we don't know the answers, we'll help you find someone who does.

- Duane Harbin

"Surviving Seminary!" is a regular feature of the Perkins News. The editors are Duane Harbin ([dharbin@smu.edu](mailto:dharbin@smu.edu)) and Jane Elder ([jelder@smu.edu](mailto:jelder@smu.edu)). Got a great seminary survival strategy? Let us know and we'll help pass it along to the rest of the community. (That is, if it isn't illegal, immoral, or likely to get us in trouble with the Dean!)



*"Year 2 semester 2 of Seminary, bring it on!"*

Emily Robnett, 2nd Year  
M.Div. Candidate



*"Oral Fixation.  
#SlipperySlope"*

Amanda Rodenberg,  
Assistant to the Director, Public  
Affairs and Alumni/ae  
Relations

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